

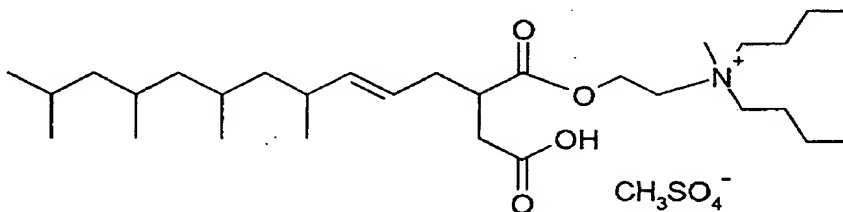
Attorney's Docket: 2003DE410Serial No.: 10/783,153Art Unit 1714Response to Restriction Requirement, Dated 01/05/2007**Remarks**

The Examiner indicated that the application contains 2 groups of claims and requires that a restriction be made to one of the following inventions:

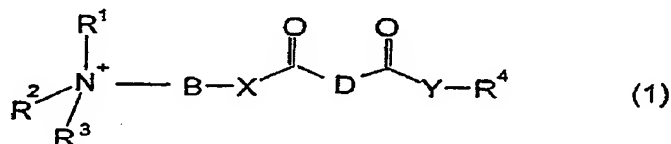
- I. Claims 1-8 and 10 drawn to a method
- II. Claims 9 and 11 drawn to a composition

Applicant, under 35 U.S.C. §121, elects the claims of Group II for the purposes of the prosecution on the merits of the invention. Applicant has withdrawn claims 1-8 and 10, but reserves the right to resubmit claims 1-8 and 10 in a properly filed continuation application.

Furthermore, the examiner has requested that the Applicant select a single species for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly under 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicant elects the species exemplified in Example 8 of Applicant's Specification having the structure shown hereinbelow:



In the selected compound, according to formula (1)



R^1 , R^2 are each C_4 -alkyl, R^3 is C_1 -alkyl, R^4 is hydrogen, X is O, Y is O,

B is a straight-chain C_2 -alkylene group, D is an ethylene group substituted by an organic radical having 15 carbon atoms, and M is a CH_3SO_4^- cation.

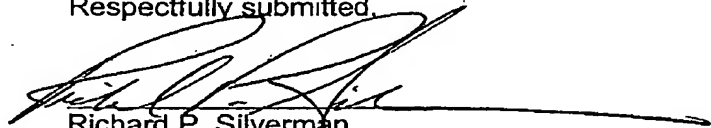
It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the above remarks, the restriction requirement is now satisfied and the examination of this application on the merits can now proceed. If the Examiner has any remaining questions, he may contact

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Applicant's representative. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and an allowance of all pending claims are courteously solicited.

An early and favorable action is courteously solicited.

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